



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0523

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The Honorable Alex M. Azar II
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

Thank you for your leadership as our nation continues to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). I appreciate your willingness in recent conversations to continually improve and respond to health care needs across the country in these unprecedented times, including how the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) is administered.

One of the main issues that remains a concern for many of my local hospitals and providers are the changes to the PRF reporting requirements issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on September 19, 2020. Specifically, my constituents inform me they were following all the reporting requirements issued by the HHS on June 19, 2020, but they are now concerned they will likely have to return PRF funds in order to comply with the new reporting requirements issued last month, which would make it harder for them to serve the communities in which they are located. Accordingly, I urge the HHS to revert to the PRF reporting requirements that were issued in June for which these health care providers have already planned and budgeted around. Also, I have attached correspondence from several of my constituents on this issue for your review. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this important and timely matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin McCarthy".

KEVIN McCARTHY
House Republican Leader

Enclosures